

## A STATEMENT.

✓ In the California conference report of Feb., 1894, the clause in reference to my brother, Elder Z. H. Copp, as to no longer recognizing him as a minister of the Brethren church, and as the evangelist in that state "under existing circumstances," is to be construed only to mean that he holds Saturday as the Christian Sabbath. This statement is made in behalf of my brother who has desired that the brotherhood, and others who may not know the facts in the case, may know that there is no charge by the California brethren against him of immorality, but only for the change of time of observing the Sabbath. I do not make this statement because of any sympathy for my brother's views on the question under consideration, but because of the sympathy for the good of the cause of Christ, and because of the sympathy for my brother resting under the odium of the unexplained circumstances which might be construed by those who do not know, to mean more than charged.

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## FROM ZION'S HILL, OHIO.

Perhaps a thought or two might be of interest to some though given by one of the weakest of God's vessels. I wish to say we are alive here, and if change of ministers counts for anything, we are surely blessed; as brother P. J. Brown preached for us two weeks ago and J. Allen Miller last Sunday morning and evening. Come again brethren. Preaching August 25 at 10:30 A. M. by our pastor Wm. Kiefer. Now brethren, here and elsewhere, *let us work*. When we see to do good do it. Don't wait for some one else to make the start. As has been said we are too apt to wait for something to turn up. Let us dare to step out boldly for the right and try to do something. Don't expect the pastor to do too much, for when he does say something that hits, and all are too apt to think it was meant for the other fellow. Make it a rule to speak to every one to whom you have an opportunity along this journey of life. "Pick your man," hand to hand, face to face contest the way, then there will be no doubt as to who it is meant for. We think much good might be done if all would go to work in this way. Then in that great day none can say we did not warn them.

We wish to speak of a few things that to our mind are inconsistent. We have gone into churches where (at certain times) they would come and say to us "come brother sit thou here, in a good place" (front seat;) at other times they say

(by their actions) "sit thou there" (back seat,) while we commune with God. Oh! Who art thou that judgest another. Now as for myself I would rather be treated the same at all times and places, and take a back seat at places like the above for fear of getting into the wrong pew at some time or other.

May God help us all to become more like him, more the *same* at all times. Be consistent. Don't stand around waiting for the majority to move before you move, and all the while be singing, "Dare to be a Daniel, etc." Don't stand along side a baptistry while singing that good old tune, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, etc." May we all strive to grow better and as long as God gives us strength cease not to raise our voice against error and inconsistency. Shoulder the sword of the spirit and go on to victory.

August 15.

J. W. F.

## GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Again we come with our gleanings gathered by the way. Tired and worn from continuous labor, but still we must glean in the Master's field. Sunday morning we wended our way to the Bowman grove on the banks of the Massassinewa river, the place appointed for our Harvest Home meeting, in the College Corner congregation, Wabash Co., Ind. The day was all we could ask, and notwithstanding another basket meeting within two miles, and the Lutz family reunion of Wabash, was held within one-half mile, the crowd was immense. They came not by hundreds, but by thousands. The floral decorations were good; the music was excellent; the decorum splendid, but the preaching very ordinary. We preached at 10:30, had children service at 2 P. M., preached again at 3 P. M., and at 8 in the evening. Our meeting was a success in all particulars. Our Harvest meetings are now over for this year, unless we are called to the great Harvest meeting beyond the river. If so, may our work be done, and all come rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us.

Bringing in the sheaves,  
Bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing  
Bringing in the sheaves.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

## LOVE FEAST.

At our last quarterly council, it was decided to hold our fall love feast, in the latter part of September and first of October, beginning September 28. We extend a cordial invitation to all. Place of meeting is Portis, Kansas. By order of council.

M. J. FROST.

Aug. 12.

## BRIEFS.

I am pleased to say that brother S. J. Harrison has been employed to preach for us for one year. There will be four points of regular service: Lathrop, East Union, Ripon and Vernalis. We are expecting Sister Harrison to be with us soon. In No. 31, Brother Holsinger speaks of my ill health. I am thankful and pleased to be able to say that the condition of my health is much improved, and I enjoy a good hope of being healed so that I may write for the EVANGELIST, and work in the Master's vineyard in other ways. I ask an interest in the prayers of my brethren and sisters, that this may be so.

August 12.

J. W. BEER.

## GETTING READY FOR CAMP MEETING.

Our people are anticipating a good, grand, camp meeting, and are busy getting ready to attend in larger numbers than usual. With Brethren Bowman and Harrison, from the east, Holsinger and Beer of California, and the prayers of God's children ascending to the Father of mercies, surely the blessing will be ours. Scarcely two weeks before we will be gathering for the meeting, then that which we have been thinking about, and working for will be a reality. We were agreeably surprised to receive a card from brother S. J. Harrison of Lanark, Ill., stating he would be in Lathrop the 16th or 17th of August, and would stop off and pay us a short visit. In view of getting some service from him while he would be visiting us I announced a meeting for him. When he came, he so liked our country and our people, and we so liked his preaching that we have made arrangements for him to stay and preach for us. The work mapped out for him to do, will require his whole time, and he has gone at it with a will, which means success. God's blessing attending his efforts.

One more young life taken from the uncertainties of the present, and gone to the realities of the future. I refer to Rosie Waddell, daughter of our esteemed Sister Waddell of Lathrop. She died after a short but painful illness of a little over one week. Rosie's seat was seldom vacant in the S. S., kind and obedient to her mother and teachers. She has left a record which can be remembered with pleasure by her friends and relatives. "She's gone to join those gone before."

I trust the National Conference will be well attended. How I would enjoy to be there myself. How would it do to have the conference in California some time in the near future, and it would be pleasant for us all, if not quite so profitable for some? I think 1900 would be a good time. What do you think brother P. J. Brown?

J. C. WOLFE.